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Title : METHOD FOR DISPLAY TIME STAMPING AND SYNCHRONIZATION OF MULTIPLE VIDEO OBJECT PLANES

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on December 15, 2000; March 15, 2001; and April 11, 2001, Applicants call the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report, mailed on April 10, 2001, for counterpart European Patent Application No. 01 10 4219-9-2202, to the attention of the Examiner assigned to the above-referenced application:

An article by O. AVARO et al., entitled "The MPEG-4 systems and description languages: A way ahead in audio visual information representation", at pages 385-431 of SIGNAL PROCESSING. IMAGE COMMUNICATION, vol. 9, no. 4, (May 1997), was cited by the European Examiner as being a category "A" document (defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance), as well as a category "P" document (pertaining to a document published prior to the international filing date but later

than the priority date claimed) with respect to claim 1 of the European application. The European Examiner indicated that page 423, paragraph 6.2.1 and page 424, paragraph 6.2.2 are relevant;

An article by A. KNOLL, entitled "MSDL: MPEG-4-SYSTEMS AND DESCRIPTION LANGUAGES", at pages 459, 460, 462, 464 and 465 of FERNSEH UND KINOTECHNIK, vol. 50, No. 8/09 (August 1996), which was cited by the Examiner as being a category "P" and "A" document with respect to claim 1 of the European application. The Examiner indicated that paragraph 9 is relevant;

European Patent EP 0 648 056 assigned to Thomson Consumer Electronics, published on April 12, 1995, was cited by the European Examiner as being a category "A" document with respect to claim 1 of the foreign application. The Examiner indicated that the Abstract and Fig. 1 are relevant. Applicants note that U.S. Patents 5,430,485 and 5,467,139 are counterpart documents; and

European Patent EP 0 634 870 A2 assigned to Pioneer Electronic Corp., published on January 18, 1995, was cited by the European Examiner as being a category "A" document with respect to claim 1 of the foreign application. The Examiner indicated that the Abstract; column 10, lines 44-48; column 11, lines 31-38; and Fig. 9 are relevant. Applicants note that U.S. Patent 5,537,409 is a counterpart document.

The above-noted documents were previously cited and copies of the articles and foreign patents were provided to the Examiner in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 15, 2000. Therefore, copies of the articles and foreign patents are not attached

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hereto. However, copies of the U.S. counterpart patents are enclosed herewith and listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form.

The Examiner is requested to complete the PTO-1449 Form to indicate his consideration of the U.S. patents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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